

# NETHERLEE AND STAMPERLAND PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor

Back to the post-holiday routine! I hope everyone got a chance to experience at least some time away and that you feel refreshed and ready for a new season. The deadline for the next edition will be **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**October 2026.** As always, articles (and pictures in .jpg format) can be submitted at any time to [nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:nandsnewsletter@btinternet.com).

*Karen McQueen*



## Church Services

Sunday services are at **10.30 a.m.** with Communion celebrated on **13<sup>th</sup> September**. Wednesday services are also at **10.30 a.m.**, with the month end lunch on **30<sup>th</sup> September**. This lunch is a "drop in" any time from 11.00 a.m.; there is no necessity to have attended the service, all are welcome. Please call George Cowan on 07917 592667 if you require minibus transport.

Did you know that Netherlee and Stamperland Church has its own Facebook page? We want to make this as interactive as possible and encourage any Facebook users to 'like' / 'follow' our page. If you want to advertise any events, like special coffee afternoons, fundraisers, youth organisations, community concerts or want to share any other relevant information, please get in touch with [Dagmar Kerr](#) or simply email the church office.

## Church Flowers

Could I please warmly invite anyone who thinks they would like to help arrange or deliver church flowers to get in touch with myself on 07974781505 or [by email](#). If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving church flowers to help celebrate a significant life event, to offer comfort in times of sadness or, equally important, to cheer someone up, please speak to Sheila Dunn or Elaine Balfour at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service on a Sunday. Alternatively email [Sheila Dunn](#).

Thank you

*Shirley Buchanan*





## From the Minister – A Season of Change

There is something about the beginning of autumn that I really love. For me it is because, more than any other season, autumn seems to make change visible. We don't have to look very hard to see it. The mornings feel a little cooler, the evenings begin to draw in, and all around us the trees slowly begin to change colour. Greens become golds, reds and browns, and the landscape takes on a completely different character.

Autumn is, without doubt, my favourite season. I love the colours, but I think I also appreciate the reminder that change is a natural and necessary part of life. The leaves changing colour are not a sign that something has gone wrong; they are simply part of the rhythm of creation. One season gives way to another, and in doing so there is both beauty and promise. This autumn also marks a significant moment for me, as we come towards the first anniversary of my induction to Netherlee and Stamperland. It is difficult to believe that almost a year has passed since that very special day when I became your minister. Looking back, there has been so much to be thankful for – worship shared together, baptisms and weddings, funerals and times of sadness, celebrations and milestones, meetings and conversations, laughter and the occasional challenge! Most of all, I am grateful for the people I have met and for the welcome I have received. Over this past year, Netherlee and Stamperland has become a place that feels very much like home. I have been privileged to hear people's stories, to share in significant moments in people's lives and, above all, to journey alongside you as we seek to be the Church together.

One of the things I have learned over this first year is that every congregation, like every season, is constantly changing. People come and go, circumstances change, new opportunities emerge and familiar things sometimes take a different shape. There can be a temptation to think of change as something to resist, particularly when we have treasured what has gone before. Yet autumn reminds us that change can also bring its own beauty. As we begin another season



*(picture courtesy of Dagmar Kerr)*

together, I hope that we can embrace both the familiar and the new. We can give thanks for all that has been, while remaining open to what God might be calling us towards next. We don't know exactly what the coming months will bring, but we do know that we don't face them alone. The words of Ecclesiastes remind us that there is "a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Perhaps autumn is a particularly good season in which to remember that. It invites us to pause, to notice what is changing around us, to give thanks for what has been and to look forward with hope.

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## From the Minister – A Season of Change (continued)

So, as the leaves begin to change and the colours of autumn appear around us, may we take the opportunity to pause and appreciate the beauty of this season. And as we look towards the coming year together, may we continue to discover new ways of being Church, new opportunities to serve our community and new reasons to give thanks. Thank you for the warmth, kindness and welcome you have shown me over this first year. It has been a privilege to walk alongside you, and I look forward with excitement and hope to whatever the next season of our journey together will bring. Perhaps, after all, that is one of the gifts of autumn: change does not mean that something is ending; sometimes it is simply the beginning of something new.

Yours in Him & For Him

*Jillian xx*

p.s. Vestry Hour resuming on Thursdays from 10th September from 6.30 - 7.30pm.



### The Forum

Our first meeting of the session will be on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026 at 7.30** in the Lesser Sanctuary, followed by refreshments in the Small Hall. We are delighted to start the new session of The Forum with our own **Prof Ronald L Crawford** who will speak about *Adam Smith and the book*

*that changed the world*; we look forward to seeing many of you there. Please feel free to bring a friend to what promises to be a very interesting evening.

A printed syllabus of all the Forum talks 2026/27 is available on the welcome table in the Lesser Sanctuary, and is summarised below. George Cowan has kindly offered the use of the church minibus for all Forum events, so please let him know if you would like a lift.

#### 2026

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|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>21 September</b> | <b>Prof Ronald L Crawford</b><br>Adam Smith and the book that<br>changed the world |
| <b>19 October</b>   | <b>Gordon Armstrong</b><br>Chaplain to Scottish Fire service                       |
| <b>16 November</b>  | <b>Paul Noble</b><br>Under the Floorboards                                         |

#### 2027

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>18 January</b>  | <b>Peter Dale</b><br>Technology and AI                                                                             |
| <b>15 February</b> | <b>The Yard</b><br>Adventure centre for CYP with<br>additional needs: history, purpose,<br>achievements, struggles |
| <b>15 March</b>    | <b>Andy Melvin</b><br>Pipe Major, BEM for piping<br>Life as a piper                                                |

*Dagmar Kerr for the Forum Organising Committee*

## The Great Netherlee & Stamperland Bake Off

What a Day! Saturday 29th August brought us our very first Netherlee and Stamperland Bake Off, and honestly... what a brilliant afternoon it turned out to be. Who knew we had so many star bakers hiding amongst us? A huge thank-you to everyone who helped pull the whole thing together — organisers, helpers, and all those who donated home baking for the tea-room. The cake plates were never empty, and we're very grateful.

Our judging panel deserves a special mention too: Rev. Jillian Storrie, Barbara Cochrane, and James Morton. Between them they sampled more sponge, scones, and shortbread than any human should reasonably face in one sitting. We're not sure any of them have looked directly at a cake since. And of course, thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. Maybe seeing all those gorgeous bakes will tempt a few more of you to enter next year — go on, you know you want to.



But the real stars of the day were our wonderful bakers. The effort that went into every entry was clear to see, from the beautifully decorated cakes to the fiercely competitive men's scone category (who knew scones could be such serious business?). Prizes were handed out across all the categories — well done to every single winner.



Our overall Star Baker was Anna McLean, who keeps hold of the trophy for a year. Fingers crossed she'll be back to defend her title... though she may have a few challengers eyeing it up already. And the icing on the cake? We raised a fantastic £440 through donations, all of which is going towards the new minibus. A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed. All in all, it was a joyful, flour-dusted, sugar-sprinkled celebration of community — and we can't wait to do it all again next year.

*Alison McKean on behalf of the Communications and Planning Group*

## Sunday Club

A huge congratulations to Anna (pictured above) on her Bake Off win. We are so proud of you. Sunday Club returned on 6<sup>th</sup> September when we talked about being prepared to follow Jesus and how things which can seem scary so often turn out well when we remember Jesus Guiding us. As ever we welcome all children into Sunday Club so please let any visitors know we are here for their children.

*The Sunday Club Team*

## The Guild

The new session starts on 1st October and below is the syllabus.



### 2026

#### October

|                  |                     |                      |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Beyond the Walls    | Rev. Jillian Storrie |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Nostalgia Revisited | Kevin Smith          |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Erskine Veterans    | Alison Sturgeon      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | The First Lady      | Liz Allan            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Halloween           | Guild                |

#### November

|                  |                       |                   |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Musical Entertainment | David Murray      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Autism and the Church | Rev. Steven Owens |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Calum's Cabin         | Representative    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Day of Giving         | Guild             |

#### December

|                  |                     |       |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Tree Decorating     | Guild |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | The Christmas Story | Guild |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Party     | Guild |

#### January 2027

|                  |                            |                   |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Girlguiding                | Alison Plummer    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Quilting                   | Jacqueline Armour |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | My Journey to the Ministry | Rev. David McKee  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Burns               | Jonathan Buchan   |

#### February

|                  |                                  |                |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | The Man who Sold Nelson's Column | Dane Love      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | On Safari                        | Dagmar Kerr    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Friendship Lunch                 | Guild          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Bear Necessities                 | Representative |

#### March

|                  |                             |                      |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Easter Confusion            | Rev. John Martindale |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | World Day of Prayer Service |                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Musical Entertainment       | Luckenbooth          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Annual General Meeting      | Guild                |

I trust everyone had a pleasant summer. I look forward to seeing everyone again. As always there is an open invitation to come and join us on a Thursday afternoon at 2.00 p.m.

*Margaret Fear*

*Secretary*



## PoppyScotland News

Hello Everyone,

As Summer fades and the days become shorter my thoughts are turning to this year's Poppy Appeal. This year the appeal will consist of three strands, the in-store Sainsbury's collection, collection tins in local businesses and the Coffee Afternoon.

There is a group of dedicated people who regularly give of their time to collect in Sainsbury's at Muirend. It is a gift of 2 hours to PoppyScotland. If you think you can help, please speak to me or contact me on 07796277544. The Coffee Afternoon will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 2 and 4pm, where there will be the popular Tombola. The Poppy Box will be in the Welcome Hall to receive donations nearer the time. Poppy Scotland is a very worthwhile charity which helps members of our Armed services and their families in times of trouble. If you can, please volunteer and help to make this year's campaign successful.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Anne Mann*

There is a fundraising coffee afternoon in the large hall on Saturday **19th September** as part of the Foodbank's Christmas Appeal this year is financial. To this end they are asking congregations to pledge a certain amount of money and there will be match funding of the same amount. We, on behalf of Netherlee and Stamperland congregation, have pledged £400 most of which I hope will be raised at the coffee afternoon. Individuals have indicated they will help with the shortfall should there be one. There will also be an appeal nearer Christmas for the usual selection boxes and Christmas goodies, but I hope you will support this new initiative to help our less fortunate neighbours.

*Marjorie Lang and Catriona Gomez*



**CRANHILL  
DEVELOPMENT  
TRUST**

The nearly new shop at [Cranhill Development Trust](#) (CDT) is open for business. As you know it continues to satisfy a real need for some of the folks in that area of Glasgow. Your donations of nearly new clothes and

and bric-à-brac are most welcome.

As I mentioned previously the CDT have a 'Bra Bank' within the shop. Monies received from this and all other donations are used to help with the running of the Trust. Please label any such bags accordingly. Similarly, if you are donating items considered as rags please mark those bags appropriately. As always items should be labelled for Cranhill and left in the cupboard in the Welcome Hall opposite the ladies' toilet. If this is full, please get in touch with me so I can make alternative arrangements regarding storage and or collection. For more information click the link to their website above.

Many thanks.

*N&S Coordinator Gordon Lang*

## Netherlee & Stamperland Walking Group

We have been walking in Linn Park (nearly) every Friday since March 2024 and have been enjoying our beautiful park in every season and all weathers – well, almost! We don't walk, if the paths are too slippery or



the wind is too strong and the rain too heavy. We must be doing something right, because there aren't many Fridays when this happens. We meet at the Clarkston Road entrance at 2pm and usually split into two groups: The A-team takes a leisurely walk through the top-wood, while the B-team takes an even more leisurely stroll. By 3pm we all meet in the church for tea, coffee and chat.

Last Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, we had a slightly different walk and visited the Community Field of F.O.L.P (Friends of Linn Park) where Dorothy showed us round and told us about the many different things they do in the park and the field. We are so lucky to have the park and these wonderful volunteers who make sure that it remains beautiful, tidy and diverse.

If you would like to join us on our walks either regularly or occasionally, please come along on a Friday or speak to Dagmar Kerr for more information.

*Dagmar Kerr*



## **Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2026**

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and provide emergency food parcels for those who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team

| <b>Cereal</b>           | <b>Tinned Fruit</b>     | <b>Tinned Goods</b>      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut | Pears                   | Baked Beans              |
| Weetabix                | Pineapples              | Chopped tomatoes         |
| Rice Crispies           | Mandarins               | Coconut Milk             |
| Sugar Puffs             | Fruit Cocktail          | Condensed Milk           |
| Frosties                | <b>Other</b>            | Potatoes                 |
| Coco Pops               | Diluting/fresh juice    | Custard                  |
| Cheerios                | Coffee                  | Rice Pudding             |
| Porridge                | Biscuits                | Butter Beans             |
| <b>Dried Goods</b>      | Crisps                  | Cannellini Beans         |
| Cous Cous               | Tea Bags                | Chickpeas                |
| Bulgur wheat            | Long life milk          | Tinned lentils           |
| Paprika, Cumin          | Rapeseed Oil            | <b>Other</b>             |
| Lentils                 | Plain Flour             | Brown Sauce              |
| Mixed herbs             | Corn Flour              | Tomato Sauce             |
| Garlic powder           | Mustard                 | Vinegar                  |
| Onion powder            | Butter                  | Soya Sauce               |
| Chilli powder           | Bottle lemon/lime juice | Worcestershire Sauce     |
| Crushed chillies        | Dry yeast               | Olive oil                |
| Ground coriander        | Baking Powder           | Vegetable oil            |
| Black pepper            | Red wine vinegar        | Gravy Granules           |
| Salt                    | Apple Cider Vinegar     | Veg Stock cubes/ bullion |
| Pasta                   | Vanilla Extract         | Jelly                    |
| Long grain rice         | <b>Essentials</b>       | Sugar                    |
| Bay Leaves              | Washing up liquid       | Tomato Paste             |
| Lasagna Sheets          | Washing Powder          | Passata                  |
| Coriander               | Toilet Tissue           |                          |

### **Food Parcel Items**

|                                  |                                             |                                         |                                                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| pot<br>noodles/packet<br>noodles | Tinned ham,<br>corn beef, tuna,             | Tinned<br>spaghetti,<br>spaghetti hoops | Tinned meatballs, macaroni,<br>tinned dinners eg:curries |
| instant mash                     | Microwave rice<br>pouches, pasta<br>pouches | Biscuits, cereal<br>bars                | tinned soups packet soups                                |

# Community Choir

**Sounds International Community Choir  
welcomes  
New Members**

**Come and join us for our Christmas Concert on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
December in the Netherlee and Stamperland Parish Church, led by  
Stephanie and accompanied on the piano by Tom.**

**A choir formed in 2003 that has attracted people of all: - Ages, Beliefs  
and Nationalities.**

**We sing from a wide – ranging repertoire including: - World Music,  
The Musicals, Ballads and Gospel Rock**

**Our aims: -**

- ◆ **To promote understanding between people of different beliefs  
and nationalities through music**
- ◆ **To encourage genuine friendship within the group**
- ◆ **Assist in charitable fundraising**

**Rehearsals are on a Tuesday between 7.30pm to 9.00 pm in Netherlee  
and Stamperland Parish Church to develop vocal ability & increase  
personal confidence in singing.**

- ◆ **No auditions**
- ◆ **All welcome**

**Phone contact number: - 0141 639 1205**

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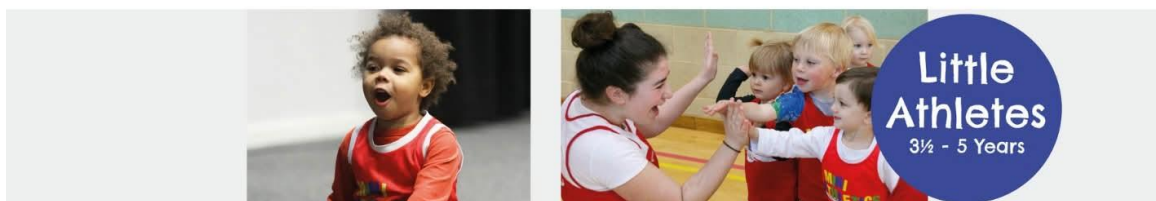
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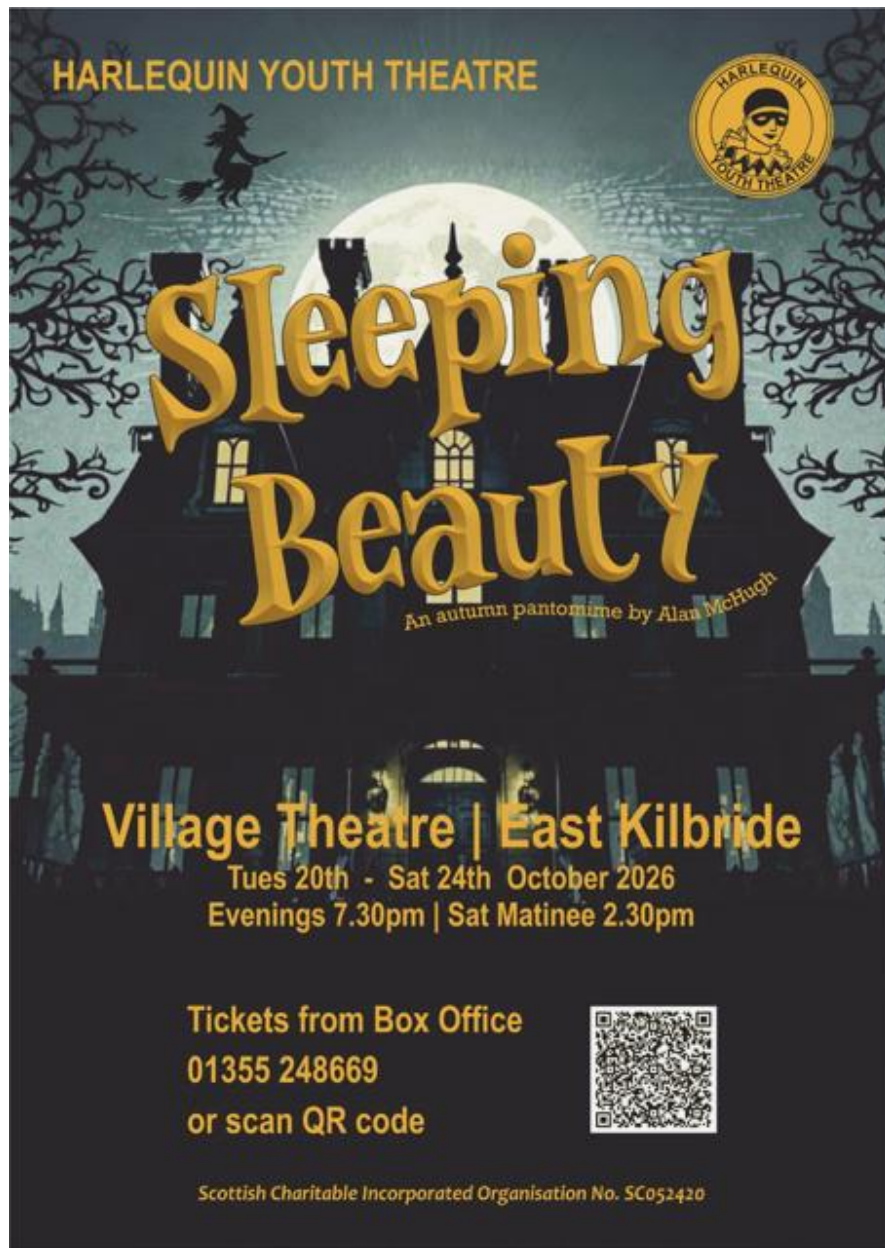


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